

To: Dhieux, Joyel[Dhieux.Joyel@epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: ATSDR successfully connected with San Juan Health

Great they are the people that ATSDR will need to talk to when data results are available to give them information on health effects etc.

They are anxiously awaiting word from ATSDR.

Thanks

Hays

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2015, at 6:54 PM, Dhieux, Joyel <Dhieux.Joyel@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi All,

Chris and Michelle with ATSDR successfully connected with Claire McPherson and LeeAnn with San Juan County Health this evening. ATSDR only commented with regards to the pH issue since that is all the information that we have at the time. Per the information provided by Dan, the pH at the Bridge 10 miles outside of Durango dropped to a pH of 5 when the slug went by. A pH of 5 is about the same as rainwater. Coffee is a pH of 4. ATSDR recommended that people shower if they had been in the river (which you'd expect them to do anyways). If eyes become irritated, they should rinse with fresh water. Any odd itching would not likely be due to the mine water but more likely something else in the water. San Juan County Health seemed happy with the response.

Also on an unrelated topic, I wanted to mention that according to the Denver Post article, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has placed a cage of fish into the water to see what happens when they are exposed to the mine water. They plan to pull the cage tomorrow.

Joyel

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